

LAKE STEAMER TURNS TURTLE AND THOUSAND DIE LIKE TRAPPED RATS

Excursionists At Chicago Dock Meet Their Death---Morgue Piled High With Bodies

Coroner Hopes Death List Will Not Exceed One Thousand---Secretary of Owning Company Placed Under Arrest

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

CHICAGO, July 25.—Twenty-five hundred men and women and children, a holiday crowd of merry-makers, were plunged in a twinkling into a blind struggle for their lives when the excursion steamer Eastland capsized yesterday morning while still moored to her pier. Early today the coroner expressed guarded hope that the total death list will not be more than one thousand.

No positive statement of the mortality is yet available. As late as midnight, it was asserted on the authority of the chief of police and the chief of the fire department, directing the work of salvage, that fifteen hundred bodies had been removed and that there probably remained three hundred more, lying drowned in saloons, state-rooms and companionways. But the coroner's estimate is based on an actual count of the bodies now in the morgue, whither they all were carried as fast as they were brought ashore.

Work By Search Light

Salvage work went on all last night under a battery of search-lights and is being continued today without intermission. Two women and a baby less than a year old were brought out alive. They had been trapped in a cabin that turned uppermost when the ship keeled over and sufficient air was pocketed inside the steel skin of the vessel to keep the breath in their nostrils.

One Owner Arrested

W. C. Steele, treasurer of the St. Joseph and Chicago Steamship Company, owners of the Eastland, was arrested yesterday afternoon, and will be held for trial on a charge of manslaughter. A grand jury was impaneled, as soon as the magnitude of the disaster and the peculiar circumstances surrounding it were known, and it is expected that many indictments will issue.

The Eastland was an excursion steamer licensed to carry 2500 passengers, and had been chartered by the employees of the Western Electric Company for a week end outing to Michigan City.

In Kolin avenue, adjoining the company's plant, every house for blocks has been either totally emptied or mourns the loss of two or more occupants.

Claim Precautions Taken

Seven thousand tickets had been sold and five steamers chartered. Federal inspectors were standing at the gang-planks to see that no more than the legal number of passengers passed in-board, and they still insist that the Eastland was not illegally crowded at the time she turned turtle.

Responsibility is now laid on faulty design, which made the vessel top-heavy, and a rumor that the captain, knowing he had a heavy load, had ordered the water ballast pumped out to lighten the ship.

Wanted To Be Photographed

A moving picture operator on a launch came chugging down the Chicago river and trained his camera on the Eastland, signalling to the crowd to wave their handkerchiefs and hats to give the picture animation.

The passengers surged over to the outboard rail to get in the picture and the vessel began to list. With a crack the hawseer by which she was still made fast to the pier parted, and she careened rapidly.

Trapped Like Rats

Those who slid down the steeply slanting decks into the water or jumped overboard were the fortunate ones. They had a chance to swim out into the stream and be picked up by the flotilla of tugs and launches which quickly flocked about the capsized vessel, but those in the saloons and cabins were trapped.

The captain ordered the ports on the side flanking uppermost to be opened in order to allow the imprisoned passengers a chance to crawl out, but only a few at the best could avail themselves of this meager chance, and the vent allowed the imprisoned air to rush out, robbing the vessel of just that much buoyancy and permitting her to founder all the more rapidly.

After turning bottom up, she floated into midstream and then settled on one side, her keel parallel to the pier, her pilot house, funnels and masts submerged, and only a fringe of superstructure and her blank steel sides showing.

Fatal Scenes
News of the disaster on the water-front ran through the city like wild-fire, and the pier was soon jammed with friends, relatives, and the more

ly curious. The captain and the mate were among those pitched overboard, and when they were brought to shore feeling ran so high against them that they were mobbed and the police had the utmost difficulty in protecting them. Both were placed under arrest and will be held for the results of the grand jury investigation now under way.

From the first the work of rescue was peculiarly difficult. In other great maritime disasters the passengers have had time to prepare themselves for death. The Titanic was nine hours in sinking. The General Slocum, when she caught fire in the East River, and was run aground on the mud flats of Brothers Island, was short of life boats and the life preservers were rotten, but there was some chance for the stronger elements of the human character to organize the situation and make the most of what chances for life there were. The Eastland sank in five minutes.

Life-saving Devices Useless

Lifeboats and life preservers were of no avail. There was not time to launch the one or tear loose the others. Those that were to be saved were saved quickly. With the exception of the two women and the baby rescued from the tombship, those that were carried under were doomed from the outset. There was no way of getting help to them.

Flores on barges with drills, chisels, and saws began cutting holes in the steel plates of the hull, as soon as those afloat or clinging to the fringe of superstructure had been rescued by the mosquito fleet, but it was heart-breaking, slow work. Doubtless most of those inside were drowned before the first hole big enough to let a man through had been cut out.

Faulty Design Responsible

Lacking definite data as yet, all the superficial evidence points to faulty design as the responsible cause of the accident. Roughly speaking, the weight of the passengers was only 175 tons, distributed on three decks. By no means all of them rushed to the outer rail when the vessel began to heel, but many did not hear or see him, being between decks, and many were otherwise occupied.

Even allowing for the extra leverage of the weight of those on the upper decks, marine architects are unable to see how any properly designed vessel could have been capsize by the lateral thrust estimated to have been exerted.

It has been conjectured that, with the ballast tanks emptied, the vessel may have settled until her keel rested on the bottom, in which case she would have been robbed of much of her stability. Her V-shaped hull and overhanging decks would have made of her a tall wedge, poised on the keel, and liable to upset at the list shift of balance. The theory has not been verified.

Honolulu can assure the best impression of what occurred in the Chicago tragedy through knowing that the Eastland was much the same size as the Inter-Island steamer Mauna Kea, and by imagining 3500 passengers aboard the ship, many of them crowding the upper decks. There is little occasion for surprise here that the ship capsized, especially since it would appear that much or all of her water ballast had been pumped out, and that she may have had peculiarities of construction making her unsafe for so many.

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Marine Disasters of Recent Years

- 1904, June 15.—General Slocum, excursion steamboat with 1400 persons aboard; took fire going through Hell Gate, East River; more than 1000 lives lost.
- 1905, September 12.—Japanese warship Mikasa sunk after explosion in Sasebo harbor; 599 lives lost.
- 1905, February 12.—S. S. Larchmont in collision with Harry Hamilton in Long Island Sound; 183 lives lost.
- 1907, February 21.—English mail steamship Berlin wrecked off the Hook of Holland; 142 lives lost.
- 1907, February 24.—Austrian Lloyd S. S. Imperatrix, from Trieste to Bombay, wrecked on Cape of Crete and sunk; 137 lives lost.
- 1907, March.—French warship Jena, blown up at Toulon; 120 lives lost.
- 1907, July 21.—S. S. Columbia sunk off Shelton Cove, California, in collision with S. S. San Pedro; 50 lives lost.
- 1908, April 25.—British cruiser Gladiator rammed by American liner St. Paul off Isle of Wight; 30 lives lost.
- 1908, July.—Chinese warship Ying King foundered; 300 lives lost.
- 1908, August 24.—S. S. Folgenenden wrecked; 70 persons lost.
- 1908, November 6.—S. S. Aiala sunk in stor on off Etoro Island; 150 lives lost.
- 1911, February 2.—S. S. Abenton wrecked; 70 lives lost.
- 1911, April 23.—S. S. Asia ran aground; 40 lives lost.
- 1911, September 5.—S. S. Tuscapel wrecked; 81 lives lost.
- 1911, October 2.—S. S. Hatfield in collision and sunk; 207 lives lost.
- 1911, April 2.—S. S. Koombuna wrecked; 150 lives lost.
- 1912, April 14.—S. S. Titanic, struck iceberg off Newfoundland Banks and sunk; 1503 lives lost.
- 1914, May 28.—S. S. Empress of Ireland, sunk following collision in St. Lawrence River; 964 lives lost.
- 1915, July 25.—S. S. Eastland, turned turtle at dock, Chicago River, more than 1000 lives lost.

GERMAN PLOTTERS USING EXPLOSIVES

Destroy Sugar Cargo and Would Blow Up Automobile Plants With Nitro

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, July 25.—An explosion took place yesterday afternoon in the hold of the British freighter Craigside, as she was loading at her dock here. Following the explosion, fire broke out, which the firemen, fearing further explosions, had great difficulty in subduing. Damage to the cargo was considerable, some \$14,000 worth of sugar being destroyed. The origin of the explosion has not been traced, but it is supposed to have been the work of some German sympathizer.

PLOT TO DESTROY PLANTS IN CLEVELAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 25.—A German, who has not been identified, was arrested here yesterday charged with complicity in a plot to destroy through the use of explosives a number of plants engaged in the manufacture of supplies on war orders for the Allies. The plants marked out by the plotters for destruction, according to the information in the hands of the authorities, are the American Steel Wire Company, the Peerless Motor Car Company and the White Sewing Machine Company. The plan was to drop bottles of nitroglycerine on to the buildings from box kites, to be blown over the works at a great height, the dropping of the high explosives to be manipulated from the ground.

The German arrested denies any knowledge of the plot.

BIG VICTORY FOR ITALY RUMORED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, July 25.—An unconfirmed report has reached here that the Italians have reduced the defenses of the important Austrian city of Gorizia and have occupied the city. If the report be true, the victory is an important one, Gorizia being the key to the railroad running to the south to Trieste. Despatches by way of Switzerland state that the Austrian government yesterday issued an order of confiscation of the entire vegetable crop of the Dual Monarchy, to prevent speculation.

RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY AGREED ON

(Special to the Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, July 24.—According to an authentic report from Petrograd, the Russian capital, a proposed new treaty between Russia and Japan has been agreed to by both governments, and will take effect immediately upon the termination of the European war.

NEBRASKA ENGINEERS WINNERS OF TROPHY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The last trophy Nebraska, it was announced at the navy department today, has won by the battleship engineering efficiency contest for the year just closed.

'Sharrin' Caught With the Goods In Bellingham

Ran Clothing Store With Line of Smuggled Opium—Officers Make a Big Haul

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BELLINGHAM, Washington, July 25.—M. Sharrin, who has been ostensibly doing business here as a clothing merchant, having a store with a small stock, was arrested yesterday by customs house officers on a charge of smuggling opium. A raid upon his store resulted in the discovery of a big cache of the forbidden poppy product. Concealed in the place were six hundred five tins, netting about three hundred pounds of opium, the value of which is placed at \$40,000.

Sharrin is said to have been in the business of smuggling the dope from Canada.

GRENADES, BAYONET AND KNIFE IN USE NORTH OF ARRAS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, July 26.—While there have been a number of assaults and counter attacks along the Franco-German front, the relative situation has remained unchanged except before Souchez, north of Arras, where the French advance has been steady, but slow. At this point the trenches are only a few yards apart and the fighting is by mining and sapping and in face to face encounters with hand grenades, knives and the bayonet.

GERMAN PRICES ON FOOD ESTABLISHED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, July 25.—The federal council yesterday issued an order directed to all purveyors of foodstuffs, in which the prices that may legally be charged for articles necessary for the food supply of the people were fixed and regulated. The order provides for severe penalties for any violations, either in refusing to sell at the prices specified or for charging prices in excess of those declared proper.

BRITAIN APOLOGIZES TO CHRISTIANIA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

CHRISTIANIA, July 25.—Great Britain has formally expressed regret for the violation of Swedish neutral waters which occurred when the German mine-laying Albatross was driven ashore burning, by Russian cruisers, in the battle of the Baltic. In the same engagement the German battleship Pommern was sunk by a British submarine.

MAYOR HURRIES HOME

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Mayor William Hale Thompson and his party, who have come here for Chicago Day at the exposition, returned to Chicago in a special train without waiting for the ceremonies of the day.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS NEAR

President Will Ask \$200,000,000 For the Army and \$250,000,000 For Naval Program

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The possibility of an early special session of congress, to meet the nationwide interest that has been created in the question of providing for the adequate defense of the nation, is now expected. It is known that the President has some far-reaching plans to submit to the legislators, recommending great increases in both the Army and Navy, and the call for a special session within a few weeks is regarded as most probable.

The President has already called upon Secretary Daniels of the navy department to prepare a personal report upon the requirements of the navy as he sees them, and he has called for a similar report from Secretary Garrison on the needs of the Army.

In the special message to congress, upon which the President is at work, in which he will make recommendations for the strengthening of both the Army and Navy, it is expected that he will ask congress to appropriate two hundred million dollars for the Army, practically twice the amount that has ever yet been voted in any appropriation bill.

It is reported to be the aim of the general army staff to create a reserve army of at least 500,000 men and to increase materially the posts of Hawaii, the Philippines and the Panama Canal.

A Complete Fleet

For the Navy, the special message will recommend appropriations totaling two hundred and fifty million dollars, for immediate use. The President has reached the conclusion that the Navy must be materially strengthened in submarines and in fast battle cruisers, and his recommendation will be that the construction of thirty-five submarines be authorized, with several battle cruisers, four super-dreadnoughts and a proportionate number of scout cruisers, fuel ships and submarine tenders.

The plans of the President include the creation of a system under which every youth physically able to bear arms will be given some military education, while the men of the nation will be encouraged to study military elements, to fit them for a second reserve.

SIBERIA QUARTERMASTER SOLD SMUGGLED DOPE HERE, SAYS CHARGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Charging that he sold ten thousand dollars worth of opium in Honolulu, federal officials yesterday placed Quartermaster Winters, of the Pacific Mail line, under arrest. The charge against Winters is of smuggling the opium into Honolulu and of selling it there.

The Siberian reached here from the Orient and Honolulu on Thursday and the arrest was made on a report cable from Hawaii.

HOMESTEADS FOR SOLDIERS

SYDNEY, Australia, July 15.—The New South Wales government has set aside 25,000 acres of wheat growing land and 250,000 acres of irrigation lands for settlement by soldiers returned from the war.

GERMANY HEARS AMERICA'S VOICE

Comment Widely Varied—Inspired Article Urges Confidence in the Government

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, July 25.—The full text of the American note, notifying Germany that any further invasion of American rights upon the sea would be considered a "deliberately unfriendly act," has not been published in any of the German papers, but a full summary has been given out for publication by the German foreign office.

The announcement of the firm stand taken by the United States has excited the widest interest and there is a decidedly sharp division among the editors in their comments.

Inspired Comment

The Lokal Anzeiger, in what is apparently an inspired article, taken to represent the views the government would have the public adopt, says that the public should maintain its confidence in the further use of submarines by the German admiralty, but that the use of these submarines should combine all the advantage they can bring to Germany with the least possible detriment to neutrals and the interests of neutrals. Belief that the note furnished grounds for a further diplomatic discussion of the points at issue is expressed in the article.

Unfriendly and Unneutral

On the other hand, the Tages Zeitung bluntly states that the adoption by Germany of President Wilson's standpoint regarding the limitations on the use of the submarines would be equivalent to passing the death sentence on the whole submarine campaign and the hopes of blockading the British coast. The Tages Zeitung states that it finds the American attitude neither friendly nor necessary for the safeguarding of American interests, nor neutral in spirit.

BRITISH PRESS PLEASED AT WILSON'S ATTITUDE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, July 25.—The British press expresses decided satisfaction over the text of the American reply to the German note, and President Wilson is praised in all quarters for the high stand he has taken in the name of humanity against the inhuman methods of the German warfare at sea.

"The American note is couched in the strongest language that diplomacy could employ without actually breaking off relations with Germany," says the Westminster Gazette, editorially, the quotation being typical of the many other editorial comments.

ARMY PLAN CALLS FOR MANY MORE TROOPS FOR OAHU

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, July 24.—President Wilson and Secretaries Garrison and Daniels are at work collecting data on national defense problems. The navy is working to perfect the submarine and airplane branches of the service and work on shipbuilding will be rushed. It is authoritatively stated that congress will be asked for thirty and perhaps fifty submarines.

It is reported to be the aim of the general army staff to create a reserve army of at least 500,000 men and to increase materially the posts of Hawaii, the Philippines and the Panama Canal.

HILO TO HAVE FREE DELIVERY OF MAIL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

HILO, July 24.—Hilo is soon to have free postal delivery for all town sections. Such is the information received in a letter from Washington by Postmaster H. D. Corbett. The only proviso is dependent alone on Hilo, namely, that street signs be erected and all buildings properly numbered. E. E. Frazier, acting first assistant postmaster, said in his letter that as soon as the town was ready for such free delivery would be installed. It is more than likely that at their next meeting the supervisors will appropriate money to install the signs and also order all buildings numbered. Three routes are suggested by the inspectors who came to Hilo from Washington some months ago, one of these routes to serve the Puna, Waianae and Reed's Island sections of the town; another the central portion, the Kaunani section and up to and around the Hilo Boarding School; and the third the Waianae Mill and Waianae Settlement districts.

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WARSAW ALMOST WITHIN GRASP OF GERMANS--LAST DEFENSE NEARED

South of Polish Capital the Czar's Soldiers Defeat Invaders. But Drive From North Reaches Home and the City Totters

BERLIN CLAIMS DECISIVE VICTORY IN COURLAND

Von Buelow Shatters Russian Army and Has Cut Off Retreat Of Scattered and Beaten Regiments Along the Riga Lines

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, July 25.—Although the Russians south and west of Warsaw have inflicted serious defeats upon the assaulting Austro-German columns, the defenses north of the city have been crushed and the evacuation of the Polish capital is believed by the military critics to be near at hand.

The Germans have been uniformly successful in their campaigns in Northern Poland and have massed a great force between the fortresses at Rozan and Pultusk, on the Narew River. The fortress at Pultusk, which is thirty miles due north of Warsaw, has been assaulted, but whether it is still holding out or not is unknown. The fighting along this front of fifteen miles is most severe.

The Russians are holding the line north of the city and will undoubtedly offer a most strenuous resistance to the German advance, should the Pultusk-Rozan line be forced, affording the garrison of Warsaw time enough to withdraw with the supplies and munitions. The city is now being stripped of all that might be found useful to the Germans.

In the Courland region the Germans claim to have inflicted a crushing defeat upon the Russians holding the line before Riga, shattering the Slav ranks and scattering the regiments, while von Buelow has thrust his right wing forward sufficiently to cut off the Russian line of retreat.

The despatches from Petrograd, while stating that the fighting in Courland is going against the Russians, do not admit the rout claimed by Berlin.

West of Warsaw the Russian lines are resisting every assault. The Russo-Latvian defenders of the southern positions have inflicted serious reverses upon the Austro-Germans, but not in time, it is feared, to prevent the Teuton capture of Warsaw. The counter attacks made by the Russians have cleared the pressure against the Lublin-Cholm railroad line, while the investment of Ivangorod has had to be lifted, the besiegers being hurled back with the loss of a part of their artillery.

TURKS LOSE IN TWO FIELDS OF BATTLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, July 25.—At two points the British yesterday were successful in their fighting against the Turks. On the Gallipoli Peninsula, says an official report, the counter attacks of the German-led Moslems against the advanced positions of the British were beaten back, the Turks losing heavily as they advanced from their defensive positions and moved into the open.

An official report from the British expeditionary force engaged in operations in Asia Minor, north of Aden, says that a series of small battles have been fought, the Turks falling back defeated in each encounter.

ROOSEVELT FEELS THE SAME AS EVER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—Cal. Theodore Roosevelt, who is now visiting in San Francisco, today declined to make any comment on the new American note to Germany on submarine warfare except to say that there has been no change in his sentiments since he gave his original statement on the Lusitania incident.

STANDARD OIL WILL NOT ARBITRATE NOW

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, July 25.—In view of the fact that the men first accepted arbitration and then rejected it, the Standard Oil Company has notified its employees at the Bayonne, New Jersey, refinery, that it will not accede to the demands which they presented again, and the men, in turn, decided not to return to work Monday. The plant is heavily guarded and there was no rioting yesterday.

Attorney J. A. Magoon was yesterday appointed guardian of Harry K. Hatties K. and George K. Ana, minors, under bond of \$500.